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Office Action Summary

Application No.	Applicant(s)
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Examiner	**Art Unit**
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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE *three* MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 (a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on *Jun 25, 2003* .

2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.

3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) ☒ Claim(s) *1-30* is/are pending in the application.

4a) Of the above, claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6) ☒ Claim(s) *1-30* is/are rejected.

7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8) ☐ Claims _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.

If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.

12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

13) ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of:

1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____ .
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

*See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

14) ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.

15) ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s). *8*
4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____
5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6) ☐ Other:

DETAILED ACTION

The power to inspect dated 5-21-03 and the petition under 1.137 (b) and the request for reconsideration dated 6-25-03 are acknowledged.

Claims included in the prosecution are 1-30.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

> **(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negatived by the manner in which the invention was made.**

2. Claims 1-30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Marin (5,213,804) in combination with Mori (Cancer Chemther Pharmacol, 1995) of record, or vice versa.

Martin discloses a liposome compositions containing a phospholipid, 1-20 mol. % of an amphipathic lipid derivatized with PEG. The composition is for localizing an imaging or anti-tumor agent for therapeutic and diagnostic purposes (note the abstract, col. 1, line 34 et seq., Examples and claims).

What is lacking in Martin is the use of a radiosensitizer as the active agent

Mori while disclosing liposomes containing dipalmitoyl-5-fluoro-2-deoxyuridine teaches that treatment of lung metastasis bearing mice with the this composition resulted in

significant increase in the median survival time of treated mice as compared to control mice (note the abstract and Materials and Methods).

What is lacking in Mori is the inclusion of lipid derivatized PEG.

The use of the radio sensitizer as the anti-tumor agent in the compositions of Martin would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art because of its effectiveness shown by Mori. Alternately to use the lipid derivatized polymer in the liposomal compositions of Mori would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art because of the increase in the blood circulation time of the liposomes as shown by Martin (note col. 14). Although Mori does not teach other halogen derivatives of deoxyuridine, in the absence of showing otherwise, it is deemed obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to use halogens other than fluorine taught by Mori with a reasonable expectation of obtaining at least similar results.

Applicant's arguments have been fully considered, but are not found to be persuasive. Applicant originally argued that Martin is specifically concerned with providing liposomes that evade uptake by the reticuloendothelial system (RES) to achieve a long blood circulation lifetime for extravasation into the tumor and that incorporation of a lipid-derivatized radiosensitizer into the lipid bilayer of the liposomes results in radiosensitizer molecules extending from the external surface of the liposomes; therefore, according to applicant, the presence of radiosensitizer molecules on the outer surface compromises the evasion properties of the liposomes, since the agent may not be completely

masked from recognition and the liposomes are susceptible to recognition and removal by the RES. Further according to applicant, modification of Martin to include the lipid prodrug of Mori would compromise the desired extended blood circulation lifetime of the liposomes, defeating the purpose of the liposome composition of Martin. The examiner pointed out that these arguments were not followed by any evidence, and therefore, deemed to be just speculative. In response, applicant provides the reference of Torchilin which apparently compares the circulation time and binding avididy (?) of PEGylated, long-circulating liposomes with and without surface-attached antibodies. According to applicant, the data in this reference shows that liposomes coated with 4 % PEG and having no antibodies had a blood circulation time in rabbits of approximately 300 minutes and the same liposomes with surface-attached antibodies had a reduced blood circulation time of 200 minutes. Therefore, according to applicant there is no motivation to modify Martin to include the prodrug of Mori. This argument is not found to be persuasive since lower blood circulation time of antibody attached PEG liposomes compared to corresponding PEG liposomes observed by Torchilin does not mean preclude their increased circulation time compared to liposomes without PEG. Therefore, the rationale for the use of PEG liposomes of Martin for Mori's compositions is still applicable.

In response to the examiner's second point based on Martin's teachings on col. 2 that various factors influence the rate of RES uptake of liposomes, applicant submits three references (references 2-4) and argue that applicant's arguments that the presence of

dpFUdR on the surface of Martin's PEGylated liposomes would reasonably be expected to compromise blood-circulation time is well supported by literature. This argument is confusing since that is why the examiner pointed out the teachings of Martin on col. 2 which teaches the same. Furthermore, as pointed out above, this does not necessarily mean that the circulation time of the dpFUdR-PEG liposomes is the same as dpFUdR liposomes without PEG. Finally, the examiner points out that applicant is incorrect in assuming that the examiner considers that PEG extension from the liposome surface is the critical feature in providing a long circulating liposomes. The examiner was only comparing the macro molecules, monoclonal antibodies taught by Mori to the macromolecule, PEG of Martin. In fact, this is what the examiner pointed out in the previous action: " the examiner points out that in Mori, the lipid derivatized deoxyuridine derivative was shown to perform it's function in liposomes in spite of the liposomes they are in, are attached to monoclonal antibodies on the external surface of the liposomes. Antibodies which are proteins are macro molecules just as the hydrophilic polymer, PEG. The examiner therefore, disagrees applicant's characterization that the purpose of liposome composition in Martin is compromised by the inclusion of a radiosensitizer.

The examiner disagrees with applicant's characterization that the examiner assumes that the presence of dpFUdR on the liposome surface has no influence on the RES masking ability of the PEG coating since that is not what the examiner assumed. On the contrary, the examiner pointed out that Mori's statement that 'because of the predominant

localization of the prodrug in the *liver* macrophages and the subsequent release from those cells of the parent drug FudR into the blood' in fact strengthens the examiner's position that one of ordinary skill in the art would be motivated to include PEG on the surface of the liposomes containing the deoxyuridine derivative since the liposome escape liver (RES) and reach the site where it is needed without exhibiting the toxicity since liver is avoided.

3. Claims 1-30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Marin (5,213,804) in combination with Mori (Cancer Chemther Pharmacol, 1995) of record, or vice versa as set forth above, further in view of Kassis (5,077,034) of record.

As pointed out above, Mori does not teach iodine derivatives of deoxyuridine as the radiosensitizer. One of ordinary skill in the art would be motivated to use halogens other than fluorine taught by Mori with a reasonable expectation of obtaining at least similar results since Kassis teaches that the halogen derivatives of deoxyuridine, iodo-deoxyuridine derivative in particular is effective in the treatment and diagnosis of tumors (note the abstract, Examples and claims).

Applicants' arguments have been fully considered, but are not found to be persuasive. Applicants' arguments with regard to Martin and Mori have been addressed above. Applicant provides no additional arguments with regard to Kassis. The rejection is maintained.

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to *G.S. Kishore* whose telephone number is (703) 308-2440.

The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday from 6:30 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. The examiner can also be reached on alternate Fridays.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, T.K. Page, can be reached on (703)308-2927. The fax phone number for this Group is (703)305-3592.

Communications via Internet e-mail regarding this application, other than those under 35 U.S.C. 132 or which otherwise require a signature, may be used by the applicant and should be addressed to [thurman.page@uspto.gov].

All Internet e-mail communications will be made of record in the application file. PTO employees do not engage in Internet communications where there exists a possibility that sensitive information could be identified or exchanged unless the record includes a properly signed express waiver of the confidentiality requirements of 35 U.S.C. 122. This is more clearly set forth in the Interim Internet Usage Policy published in the Official Gazette of the Patent and Trademark on February 25, 1997 at 1195 OG 89.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703)308-1235.

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